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Behaviour and last Words

(as near as they could be taken)

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Being Drawn, Hang'd, and Quarter'd

FOR

High-Treason.

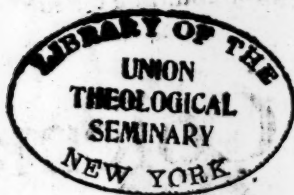
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The true manner  
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**M**R. *Edward Coleman* was Educated in the Protestant Religion, being (as 'tis credibly affirm'd) the Son of a Minister, but afterwards travelling abroad turn'd Papist, and abandoning himself wholly to the conduct of the *Jesuites*, became an extraordinary zealot for the Popes cause; inso-much, that forgetting his Allegiance to his Prince, he entred into a most Hellish Con-  
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spiracy not only to subvert the Protestant Religion, and introduce Popery, but likewise (as knowing the same could not otherwise be effected) to Murther his most Excellent Majesty; which horrid Crimes being fully proved against him, on Thursday the 28th. of *November*, he was found guilty of High Treason, and the next Morning received Sentence to be drawn and Hang'd, his Bowels Burnt, his Body Quartered, &c.

The day appointed for his Execution, was Tuesday the Third of *December*. And as for his Behaviour during that interval, there is little extraordinary to be related; only that he caused some Applications to be made for saving his Life, but having withstood several gracious offers before Tryal, it was now too late to expect such favour.

So that on the day aforesaid, about Ten of the Clock he was put upon the Sledge, and covering the lower part of his Body with the straw, keeping his Hat and a large Perriwig on, and holding down his Head as attentively reading

reading in a small Book, which he held in his hands, he gave the people little or no opportunity in his passage, of having any full view of his Face; and himself took as little notice of them, but with a kinde of unconcern'd, yet serious deportment, pass'd all the way.

When he came to the place of Execution, going out of the Sledge into a Cart, provided for that purpose, the Executioner took the Rope from his Shoulders, and put an Halter about his Neck, and fixed it to the the Gallows, to which at that time, and several times after, he cast a very serious eye; then having a Handkerchief put upon his Head, and his Perriwig taken off, with a very erect Body and assured Countenance, yet not such, but that in spite of his *Roman* Catholick Gallantry, sometimes Tears appeared in his Eyes: he spoke not much but very lowd, though the crowd was so great, that the very words could not be taken; and we would by no means either wrong the  
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Dead, or abuse the Living, with the least falsity; but the effect of it was, That he had alwaies wished well to the person of the King, but acknowledged, that he had such a zeal for the *Roman* Catholick Religion, that he did endeavor what he could to promote that, yet never meant thereby to have subverted the Government. Then pulling the Handkerchief over his Eyes, he prayed privately for above half a quarter of an hour, and then taking up his Cap again, one of the Sheriffs was pleased to ask him, if he were not concerned, or did not know something of the Death of Sir *Edmondburey Godfrey*, to which with elevated hands and eyes, he answered, declaring, as he was a dying Man, That he was not in any way whatsoever, privy to, or concerned in that Gentlemans Death.

He farther affirmed, that as his being a *Roman* Catholick, had caused him to do what he did, so he Dyed now in that Faith, and therefore there were no Ministers to attend him; but having spoken and  
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Prayed as aforeſaid, he pull'd his Cap over his Eyes himſelf, and fixt himſelf into a poſture for Death, and ſo went off without any noiſe, ſave only that of the Hollowing Crowd, who gave a great ſhout on that occaſion, and having ſcarce hang'd a quarter of an hour, was cut down and Quartered, but firſt his Privities and Bowels burnt in a fire, kindled before he was turn'd off; then his Quarters being put into the Sledge, were carried to the end of the Town, and there being met with a plain Elm Coffin well hing'd, brought in a Coach, they were taken out of the Sledge, and being wrapt in a white ſheet for the preſent, were put into the ſaid Coffin, and ſo conveyed back.



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